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Radeyah

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Radeyah was the crown sorceress to Malliq Nibras of Ofir.

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Biography

Radeyah was acquainted with Yennefer of Vengerberg and at some point they fought each other aboard a ship at sea as Radeyah had stolen a rare magical artifact from Yennefer along with the mage she was sleeping with at the time.

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Basic Information

Nationality

Physical Information

Hair color	Black[1]
Race	Human
Gender	Female
Personal Information	
Title(s)	Crown sorceress
Profession	Mage
Affiliation(s)	Nibras
Abilities	Magic
Appearance(s)	
Other	*Of Flesh and Flame*

Being a woman of great ambition, she desired to be the crown sorceress to the Malliq of Ofir, a post which at the time was held by the sorcerer Aamad. Fortunately for her, in 1273 Aamad was sent to the Northern Realms by the malliq to find the latter's missing son, Prince Sirvat. While Aamad did end up finding the son, he was too late as the cursed prince had just been slain by the witcher Geralt, who he tried to bring back to Ofir to be hold responsible but ultimately failed when the witcher managed to escape and killed the mage in the process.

At some point during the third Nothern War she went too the Northern Realms herself together with Ofieri mercenaries. While there she got into conflict with the Scoia'tael commando led by Vernossiel.[2]

With Aamad now out of the picture, Radeyah decided this was the time to claim the position and she found a perfect opportunity to get it. Zaira, the malliq's favorite concubine, had fallen deathly ill and the malliq tried everything, even summoning one of Ofir's well known healers, Fathaa, but none were able to cure her. Radeyah, wishing to have the crown sorceress position and realizing nothing could save Zaira, instead allowed the concubine to secretly die, then used her magic to summon a quareen, a demon that could take a dead one's form, and kept it obedient by having it wear bracelets with rune engravings. Thanks to "saving" Zaira, Radeyah became crown sorceress. Unfortunately for her, the quareen grew stronger and stronger as it started killing other concubines in the royal court, causing her a new problem she had to deal with before it got worse.

Geralt's Arrival

Around the same time this was happening, Geralt arrived in Ofir together with Dandelion, having been brought there by a flying trunk which had belonged to Aamad and, after his death, found its way into Dandelion's possession. However, after they arrived they were captured by the guards and brought before the malliq, where Radeyah announced that they would be put to death as they were intruders. Upon hearing this, Dandelion explained the situation was a misunderstanding and introduced himself as Prince Dandelion of Narakort with

his witcher bodyguard. Before he could say Geralt's name the witcher interjected that he was called Lambert.

Radeyah, knowing Geralt's true identity due to Yennefer, played along with this deception as a witcher was just what she needed to rid her of the quareen. "Lambert" was ordered by the malliq to find and kill Geralt of Rivia, as punishment for the murder of his son, and that Dandelion would remain at court until the task was complete. When Radeyah and Geralt were alone she revealed she knew who he was.

She then informed Geralt about Zaira, but hid the truth of what she did, instead saying that when she had cured Zaira, a strange aura appeared around the concubine and murders started to happen at the palace. If Geralt would find out what was happening, she would help him and Dandelion escape the palace. Geralt agreed and she immediately brought him to Nemet, who took care of the corpses. As Geralt examined the last victim she told him there were three murders in total and all of them were concubines.

The next day she knocked out Zaira when she was alone so that Geralt could examine her. During the examination his eye of nehaleni broke. He also noticed one of her bracelets was broken and asked if they were special, to which she lied and told him they were merely charms and that in Ofir everyone wears them. They then quickly left as someone approached.

Later that day, she had to heal some injuries Geralt had sustained after he had a fight with the crown assassin, Maraal, that resulted in the latter's death, but they were soon disturbed when they heard Dayo scream and realized it was related to Zaira. The two managed to find Dayo as she died, with Radeyah quickly casting a spell on an approaching guard to send him away. When Geralt relayed Dayo's dying words "aibnat alevin" Radeyah noted it meant "daughter of the flame", a djinn.

The two then investigated Zaira's room, seeing a clear fight had broken out. As they looked through the mess, Geralt explained he'd need to do a binding ritual to stop the djinn before he found one of the broken bracelets, realizing now it was used to bind the djinn originally. Radeyah pretended she was foolish to dismiss them merely as charms earlier before helping Geralt gather the ingredients he needed for the binding ritual.

The next day, Maraal's body was found and she was summoned to talk with the malliq, who was immediately suspicious of the killer being "Lambert". However,

Radeyah smoothly lied that the witcher had been with her the entire time before turning it around that the one who just got promoted, Erhan, was likely Maraal's killer, but if so then Erhan had proven himself worthy, waylaying the malliq's concerns.

She then accompanied Geralt to some caves to search for sewant mushrooms that he needed for his fight with the djinn. After dealing with some monsters in the caves and revealing how she really knew who he was thanks to Yennefer, they gathered the necessary ingredients and headed to Aamad's old workshop, where Geralt prepared the necessary items. As he did so, the two chatted, with Radeyah revealing she had a home in Ochre Gables. As they finished preparing Geralt's items, Dandelion burst in, having made his way for the magical trunk. On seeing Geralt and Radeyah, he hastily explained he saw the demonic appearing Zaira after she just killed a guard and she looked like she was on her way to kill the malliq. Geralt then quickly hurried off, ordering Radeyah to keep Dandelion safe.

Seizing on this moment to be rid of both the quareen and the witcher, Radeyah grabbed several guards and went to where Geralt was fighting, walking in just in time to see Geralt standing over Zaira's dead body. With nobody else having seen the real fight with the quareen, Radeyah then revealed Geralt's true identity and demanded they seize him for killing Zaira.

Downfall

Geralt was soon brought before the malliq, where Radeyah announced Geralt's sentence: to be put to death by flaying and then quartered. When Dandelion spoke out, Radeyah tried to silence him but the bard, having recently gained the malliq's favor due to his songs, was allowed to suggest a different death sentence: bind the witcher in chains, lock him a chest, and then throw it out to sea.

The next morning, Radeyah attended Geralt's execution and gave him a farewell kiss before heading off. Now with both the witcher and the quareen dealt with, Radeyah began to tie up loose ends. She convinced the concubine Ameena to give Dandelion a poison to kill him (not realizing Dandelion knew she'd go after him so he created his own plan to "die" and be smuggled out) and then used giant ravens to kill Nemet as he was the only one who knew where the bodies where buried, including Zaira's, which had the incriminating binding runes etched into her skin.

The following day, Radeyah was staying at her home near Ochre Gables as a servant returned from the grand bazaar. As the sorceress made small talk, asking if anything interesting happened while out, the servant offhandedly remarked there had been a white-haired foreigner asking around for Fathaa. Suddenly realizing Geralt had survived, Radeyah tried to take off only to find Geralt waiting in the next room, revealing Aamad's magical flying trunk that ensured his survival. Geralt then revealed he knew the truth of what really happened to Zaira before Radeyah tried to spring a surprise attack on him. Unperturbed by this, Geralt rushed in and pinned her arms down. Believing she could still get out of this predicament, she began to seduce Geralt instead and the two began to kiss before she suddenly found herself shackled with dimeritium cuffs, realizing too late Geralt had only used the kiss to distract her. Defeated, Radeyah asked if she was going to be sentenced to death, but Geralt revealed he had other plans. Radeyah was then put into the magical trunk and sent to Yennefer in Kovir, who found the shackled Ofiri sorceress inside.

It is unknown what actually happened to Radeyah after being sent to Yennefer, leaving her ultimate fate unknown.

Gallery

Radeyah as she appears in Of Flesh and Flame comic book

References

1. ↑ While in the comics she's shown to have black hair, Dandelion refers to her as a brunette instead
2. ↑ *Gwent: The Witcher Card Game*

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